

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

Express Mail No.: - EV 681573731 US

Date of Deposit: - October 6, 2005

Type of Document(s): - Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/21)
- Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action
(11 pages)
- Postcard Receipt

Application No.: - 09/661,498

Filed: - September 14, 2000

Applicant(s): - Alnoor M. SHIVJI et al.

Title: - METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR
TIME AND SPACE SWITCHING OF
SONET FRAMED DATA

Examiner: - Steven H. D. Nguyen

Art Unit: - 2665

Attorney Docket No.: - 10.0508

I hereby certify that the above-referenced documents are being/have been deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" in accordance with 37 CFR 1.10 on the above-referenced date and are being/have been addressed to: **Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 USA.**

Barbara C. Brown
Barbara C. Brown
Paralegal



10-0705

2665
EW

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0551-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

12

Application Number

09/661,498

Filing Date

September 14, 2000

First Named Inventor

Alnoor M. SHIVJI et al.

Art Unit

2665

Examiner Name

Steven H. D. Nguyen

Attorney Docket Number

10.0508

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

Fee Transmittal Form



Fee Attached



Amendment/Reply (11 pages)



After Final



Affidavits/declaration(s)



Extension of Time Request



Express Abandonment Request



Information Disclosure Statement



Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

Reply to Missing Parts/
Incomplete ApplicationReply to Missing Parts
under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

Drawing(s)



Licensing-related Papers



Petition

Petition to Convert to a
Provisional ApplicationPower of Attorney, Revocation
Change of Correspondence Address

Terminal Disclaimer



Request for Refund



CD, Number of CD(s) _____

☐ Landscape Table on CD

After Allowance Communication to TC

Appeal Communication to Board
of Appeals and InterferencesAppeal Communication to TC
(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)

Proprietary Information



Status Letter

Other Enclosure(s) (please identify
below):

Remarks

Return Receipt Postcard
Express Mail Certificate**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

Firm Name

Dougherty, Clements, Hofer, Bernard & Walker

Signature

Printed name

Christopher L. Bernard

Date

10-6-2005

Reg. No.

48,234

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature

Barbara C. Brown

Typed or printed name

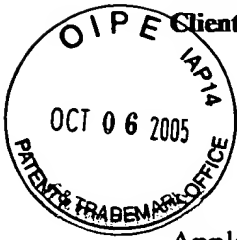
Barbara C. Brown

Date

10-6-2005

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s))	Alnoor M. SHIVJI et al.
Application No.)	09/661,498
Filing Date)	September 14, 2000
Title)	METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR TIME AND SPACE SWITCHING OF SONET FRAMED DATA
Examiner)	Steven H. D. Nguyen
Art Unit)	2665

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 USA

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 8, 2005, rejecting Claims 1-20 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-20 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.